GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA

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PER-CAPITA WATER AVAILABILITY IN CAUVERY BASIN
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central Water Commission (CWC) has assessed theannual per-capita water availability in Cauvery basin as less than 1000 cubic metre as against the national average of 1820 cubic meter;

(b) if so, whether the Government treats Cauvery basin as water scarcity region; and

(c) if so, the steps taken to improve the situation?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI ARJUN CHARAN SETHI)

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Water being a State subject, water conservation and management i s the responsibility of concerned State Government. The Government of India assists the State Governments by providing financialassistance under Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme (ARWSP)for rural drinking water and under Command Area Development Programme to increase efficiency in utilisation of irrigation water.

As a long-term measure, under the Peninsular component of National Perspective Plan for water resources development, inter-linking of Mahanadi-Godavari-Krishna-Pennar-Cauvery-Vaigai, besides Netravati-Hemavathy link and under Himalayan componentbf the plan, linking of tributaries of Brahmaputra with Ganga at Farakka and Mahanadi is envisaged.